

Lehi City Bans Fireworks in Select Areas

The city urges residents to follow safety guidelines and use common sense.

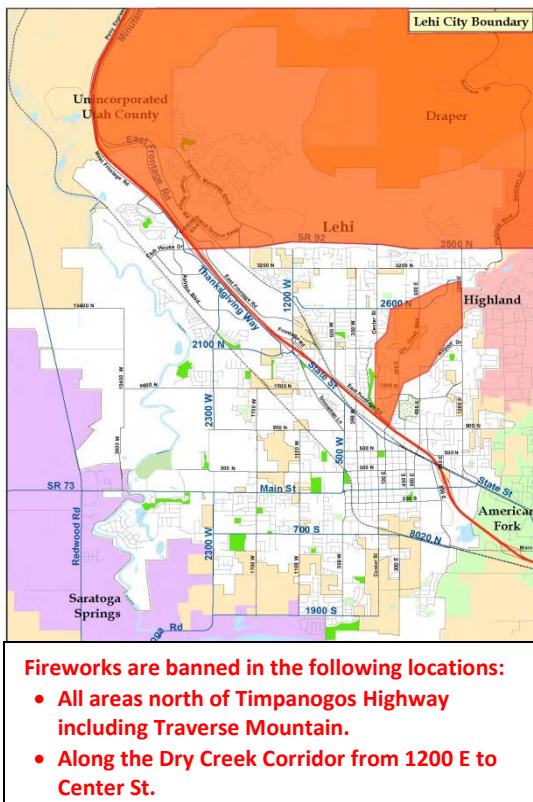
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Lehi City, Utah | June 27, 2012 — The Mayor and City Council are asking for residents' help to keep the community safe this year by educating themselves and others about the dangers of using fireworks—particularly this year—due to the hot and dry conditions.

“There have been some devastating losses from fires this year in our State, and my heart goes out to those affected communities,” Mayor Bert Wilson said. “I would hate to see any type of loss in our city, especially if it was something that could have been prevented.”



For many years, fireworks have been banned in Traverse Mountain and along the Dry Creek Corridor because of the extreme fire hazard conditions those areas present. Discharging fireworks in these areas may result in a citation or fine. Also, any person that causes a fire due to negligence will be fiscally responsible for all damages.

The Lehi Fire Department is asking residents to pay close attention to safety recommendations and safety tips from firework manufacturers and retailers. Reading instructions is necessary to help reduce the chance of a destructive fire or debilitating injury. With that said, do not use illegal fireworks, including: bottle rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers, cherry bombs, M-80s, or ground salutes. Aerial fireworks sold in Utah retail stores are legal, but should be used with extreme caution. Know that these fireworks can travel as high as 150 feet into the air, and should not be discharged in windy conditions.

New for this year to Lehi City and the State of Utah are firework discharge dates and times. Fireworks can only be discharged between July 1-7, and July 21-27, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Hours are extended to midnight on July 4, and July 24.

“As exciting as they are, it’s easy to forget that fireworks are explosive materials and can cause serious harm or destroy property,” said Fire Chief Dale Ekins. “Fireworks are an American tradition. Please be safe and use common sense as we celebrate and enjoy the holidays this summer.”

Learn more about Fireworks safety at www.lehi-ut.gov/fireworks.

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